(b) and (c) States in which lifting of foodgrains has been poor are Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya and Punjab. The Central Government has taken up the matter with these States to improve the position and ensure effective implementation of the Scheme.

(d) and (e) Modification of the Scheme shall depend on recommendations of the Working Group constituted for 10th Five Year Plan on elementary education and the availability of resources.

Withdrawal of Emergency Powers in KVs and NVs

3603. SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been considering extension of withdrawal of emergency powers of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities, to Instrumentalities like KVs and NVs where Chairman continue to posses such powers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) Statutory emergency powers given to vice-chancellors of the Central Universities have not been withdrawn. As per Rules of Memorandum of Association of KVs and NVs the chairmen of these organisations have not been given any emergency powers. However, Board of Governors of KVs in its 46th meeting held on 03.12.1985 authorised chairman KVs to take decisions in emergent cases.

Appointment and removal of Director/Joint Director of NCERT

3604. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the appointment of Director and Joint Director of NCERT is made by Government of India;

(b) if so, what procedure is followed in making these appointments;

(c) whether there is also a fixed term for which they are appointed;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is a procedure for removing the Director/Joint Director of NCERT appointed by Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (f) The appointment of Director/Joint Director of NCERT is made by the Government of India from out of a panel of names submitted by search/selection committee of educationists and experts, constituted for this purpose. The rules of NCERT pertaining to such appointment do not specify a fixed term. The Government being the appointing authority fix the term on a case to case basis but generally Government have been fixing a period of five years subject to age of superannuation. The procedure for removing the Director/Joint Director of NCERT is governed by the contracts they are required to sign with the NCERT. Such contracts provide for removal through either CCS Rules or some other specific procedure.

Sanskrit Courses in Universities

3605. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give impetus to Sanskrit and the relevant courses;

(b) if so, what are the new courses introduced and in which Universities; and

(c) to what extent these courses are likely to give job opportunities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) The Government of India already implements various schemes/programmes for the development of Sanskrit. They are being implemented among others by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, through its 8 constituent Vidyapeethas/Sodh Sansthans and 21